

Private Flying

MADRAS

The total flying time for July was 146 hr. 40 min. Mr. S. Bhuyan and Mr. G. D. Armstrong went solo.

BENGAL

The Club was open only for flying by approved soloists during July and consequently the flying time was only 15 hr. 25 min.

CAMBRIDGE

Flying times at Marshall's Flying School, The Cambridge Aero Club and the University Aero Club for the week ending August 23 totalled 105 hr. 30 min. Mr. Feld took his "A" licence, Mr. Worsdel passed the cross-country test for his "B" licence, and Mr. Noodink passed the Technical Examination for his "B" licence.

NORFOLK AND NORWICH

Mr. F. G. King went solo last week and two new pilot members—Mr. P. C. Bromwich and Mr. George Western, of the Western Brothers—joined the Club. Among the visitors of the week were Messrs. J. and G. Maillot in a Potez from Paris. The President's Trophy Competition takes place next Sunday.

NEWCASTLE

Dual and solo flying time for the week ending August 21 amounted to 88 hr. During the period January 1 to August 20 a total of 1,487 hours' flying has been recorded, which is an increase of 369 hr. over the corresponding period last year. Mr. G. E. Hopper has gone solo and Messrs. R. Leech and W. E. Timm have completed their "A" licence tests. The Club has now taken delivery of its Tiger Moth.

CINQUE PORTS

The strange creaking noise heard overhead last Tuesday week heralded the approach of Ken Waller in his ancient Caudron. The machine is at Lympne for the International Meeting on August 29 and 30, when it will contrast well with its ultra-modern sister, the latest Caudron Simoun, which does over 200 m.p.h. and is entered for the Cinque Ports Wakefield Cup Race by M. Guy Hansez. The old Caudron has been flown by all the Lympne instructors, who find it a very pleasant machine with a really remarkable take-off. Mrs. Morris Davis has taken delivery of a B.A. Swallow purchased through the Club. Mr. Garcias has gone solo

and the following have completed their "A" licence tests:—Col. J. C. Ward, Cdr. A. Price, and Messrs. F. H. C. Taylor, F. G. W. Whitnall and L. A. Tample. New members are R. J. A. Ford, H. G. Tye, A. Bowring, M. A. Phillips, W. H. Gull and P. H. Jones.

A. S. T.

July was quite an interesting month at the Air Service Training, Ltd., schools at Hamble and Ansty. A party of Dutch students from the Netherlands Governmental Flying School at Amsterdam flew to Hamble in two Fokkers for a two-day visit, during which time they were the guests of the school. Mr. Fuchs, the chief flying instructor, was in charge, and in addition to thirteen students, there was a pilot, two wireless operators, and an engineer of K.L.M. On arrival they made a thorough inspection of the school and in the evening attended a guest night at which all flying instructors, R.A.F. and civilian trainees were present. Next morning, the party, accompanied by some of the civilian students, made a coach tour of the local places of historical interest and left for Amsterdam after lunch.

Kashef Effendi, a flying instructor of Misr Airwork, Ltd., Cairo, has joined for an instructors' refresher course and an instructors' blind-flying course, and brought three of his senior students with him, who will remain for over a year to take the instructors' blind flying, navigators' and wireless courses. Mr. Needham has returned for a short refresher flying course, and Mr. Carter, of Durham University, for ground engineering training. Also, Mr. Parkhouse, who took the flying instructors' course in June, has returned for a blind-flying course.

Other new pupils include Mr. Windsor for the "B" licence, Mr. Yamamoto for advanced aerobatics and Mr. Pascalis for the "A" licence. Mr. Lasnauski, of Austria, and Mr. Beach, obtained their "B" licences, while five others took the Air Ministry night-flying tests in readiness to obtain theirs. Four "A" licences were taken by other students.

Mr. G. H. Wright has left the staff of the Central Flying School, Royal Air Force, to join the flying instructional staff at Ansty.

In spite of the abnormally wet conditions during July, 1,583 hours were flown at Hamble and 832 at Ansty.

Mr. R. Grubb, an A.S.T. pupil who won the Folkestone Aero Trophy Race is leaving to take up a flying post with an aircraft production firm.

Mr. T. O. M. Sopwith, a director of the school and the owner of *Endeavour II* has presented a handsome silver challenge cup for competition amongst members of the A.S.T. Sailing Club at Hamble.

Sir Samuel Hoare at the Public Schools Aviation Camp

WHEN Sir Samuel and Lady Maud Hoare attended the annual dinner of the Norfolk and Norwich Aero Club as guests of honour, Sir Samuel promised that he would visit the next Public Schools Aviation Camp.

This promise he fulfilled last week when he and Lady Maud arrived at the Norwich Municipal Airport. They were received by Dr. Harold Birchall, of Taunton School, and Mr. A. A. Rice, the chairman of the club. Each boy was then introduced to them, and Dr. Birchall explained to Sir Samuel the details of the boys' training and the progress that they had made.

Sir Samuel showed great interest in their schools and discussed with them their future plans. After this he commented on the recent improvements made in aircraft designed for the private owner, and the merits of various types of light aeroplanes were discussed with the pupils, who contributed considerably to the subject. Following this Sir Samuel entertained the assembly with reminiscences of his past career, making special reference to the period when he occupied the position of Secretary of State for Air. The school-boys then conducted their visitors round their own quarters.

The Public Schools Aviation Camp made very good progress during the week. On the Monday, Mr. P. Gardner (Imperial Service College, Windsor) and Mr. R. Stallebrass (Uppingham) successfully completed their first solo flights, and since then all the boys have passed their flying tests for their licences.

Rochester Display in Aid of Charity

SUPPORTED by the Corporation of the City of Rochester, and in connection with Rochester Airport's "Empire Air Week," an ambitious display (which it is hoped to make an annual event) will take place at that aerodrome on Saturday, September 12.

A very complete programme of demonstrations is being drawn up, club aircraft are expected to attend in large numbers, and the proceedings will include an arrival competition.

The band of the Royal Air Force will be in attendance. In the evening the proceedings will conclude with a ball.

Her Grace the Duchess of Bedford is the patron, and at her request half the proceeds are to go to the Marie Curie Cancer Hospital and the rest to St. Bartholomew's Hospital, Rochester.

The organising manager is Mr. M. G. Chadwick, and the display offices are at Canute Air Park, Ashingdon, Essex, and the Guildhall, Rochester.

An Eastbourne Addition

IN our report of the Eastbourne Club's "At Home" we mentioned the case of a certain Tiger Moth, which was missed, through no fault of their own, by the judges in the Concours. The Club has since decided (very generously) to give a special cup for the best-kept open machine with the greatest number of hours to its credit while in constant service. This cup will be suitably inscribed and sent to the London Aeroplane Club.

Brighter Club Competitions

READERS may remember that a short time ago (p. 58, July 9) "Indicator" referred to an interesting new type of course-finding competition evolved by the Lancashire Club. An equally interesting variation on the same theme is being made by the Norfolk and Norwich Club in their President's Cup Competition next Sunday.

This event will take the form of a cross-country flight of about thirty-five minutes' duration. The turning points will be natural or otherwise proper landmarks shown on any aviation map, and the longitude, latitude and nature of them will be communicated to each entry by first post next Saturday. From this information, it will be up to each competitor to prepare his own map. At each turning point an observer will be posted to see that each pilot rounds the point correctly and at a height not less than 800 ft. Pilots on completing the course will have to land as near as possible to the aerodrome circle.

Only those who have over twenty hours' solo experience and have passed their forced-landing tests will be eligible.

The trophy, which is a large silver model of one of the club's Moths, was won last year by Mrs. J. F. Crossley, who is now an aerobatic pilot with Mr. C. W. A. Scott's Display.